

Acupuncture Practice: Analysis of the Supplemental Demographic Questions in the Occupational Analysis



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Supplemental Demographic Questions

Question 11 asks, "What was the total number of hours in the program in which you graduated?"

The grouped data is displayed in Table A.

Table A: Program Hours Completed Before Graduation

Program Hours	Number	Percent
Less than 1548 hours	6	2.1
1548 to 1999 hours	6	2.1
2000 to 2499 hours	35	12.4
2500 to 2999 hours	60	21.3
3000 to 3499 hours	19	6.7
3500 to 3999 hours	3	1.1
4000 to 4499 hours	4	1.4
More than 4500 hours	14	5.0
No Response	135	47.9
Total	282	100.0

Question 12 asks, "What year did you graduate from the acupuncture program you attended?"

The grouped data is displayed in Table B.

Table B: Year Graduated from Program

Graduation Year	Number	Percent
Before 1970	7	2.4
1970 to 1979	4	1.2
1980 to 1984	29	10.3
1985 to 1989	51	18.3
1990 to 1994	46	16.3
1995 to 1999	121	42.9
2000	12	4.3
No Response	12	4.3
Total	282	100.0

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Question 13 asks, "Do you feel your acupuncture training program adequately prepared you for your first year in private practice?" Yes or No

The data is presented in Table C.

Table C: Adequately Prepared for First Year of Private Practice

Adequately Prepared	Number	Percent
Yes	180	63.8
No	98	34.8
No Response	4	1.4
Total	282	100.0

Question 14 asks, "How effectively were you able to diagnose and treat patients in your first year of practice?"

The data is presented in Table D.

Table D: Effectively Diagnose and Treat Patients in First Year of Practice

Effectively Diagnose and Treat	Number	Percent
1 – Ineffective	4	1.4
2	23	8.2
3	83	29.4
4	87	30.9
5 – Highly Effective	79	28.0
No Response	6	2.1
Total	282	100.0

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Question 15 asks, "Have you expanded your education since completing your training program (other than continuing education requirements for licensure)?" Yes or No

The data is displayed in Table E.

Table E: Expanded Education After Completing Training Program

Expanded Training Program	Number	Percent
Yes	219	77.7
No	63	22.3
No Response	0	0.0
Total	282	100.0

Areas of Expanded Education

A list of the content areas in which respondents received additional training is presented in Table F.

Table F: Areas of Expanded Education

Content Areas of Education	Number	Percent
General Acupuncture	41	12.2
Gynecology	13	3.9
Herbs	26	7.7
Mind/Body	38	11.3
Nutrition	13	3.9
Orthopedics	37	10.9
Western Medicine	30	8.9
Other	109	32.3
No Response	30	8.9
Total¹	337	100.0

¹ Multiple responses were counted; therefore, total was greater than number of respondents.

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Question 16 asks, "How effectively did your acupuncture training program prepare you to integrate standard medical reports and diagnostic exams into your patients' treatment plans and recommendations?"

The data is presented in Table G.

Table G: Effective Integration of Standard Medical Reports and Diagnostic Exams to Treatment Plans and Recommendations

Effective Integration	Number	Percent
1 – Ineffective	45	16.0
2	51	18.1
3	64	22.7
4	57	20.2
5 – Highly Effective	62	22.0
No Response	3	1.0
Total	282	100.0